Pradesh for setting up, expension and upgradation of TV transmitter/AIR Stations during 1996-97. till date;

(b) the number of proposals cleared/ pending so far;

(c) whether the Government have also received representation for setting up of an F.M. Radio Station and High Power TV transmitter at District Anantapur and Malabon in district Kannur;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the time by which these projects are likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M.IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Requests from various quarters, for setting up, expansion and upgradation of TV and Radio services have been received from time to time. Such request are kept in view, alonwith other factors such as availability of location, infrastructural facilities, resultant coverge and *inter-se* priorities, while finalising the All India Radio/Doordarshan Projects which is a continuous activity.

(c) to (f) Whereas a local radio station already exists in Anantapur, a High Power TV Transmitter at Anantapur is also functional. Besides, a HPT at Kanpur (Cannanore in Malabar area of Kerala) has been envisaged in replacement of the existing Low Power Transmitter. Lead time involved for execution of such a project is about three to four years after the scheme is sanctioned by the campetent authority subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and *inter-se* priorities.

**Opening of Divisional Office at Gaya**

3001. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have seen press reports that appeared in the Hindi *'Hindustan'* from Patna dated January 8, 1997 under the heading "Gaya Men Railway Ka Diveejanal Karyalay Kholne Kee Mang" and in the Hindi *'Aaj'* from Patna dated January 16, 1997 under the heading "Khyati Prapt Shahar Gaya Kee Upechha Ko Mantri Ne Sweekara";

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from Bhartiya Railway Upbhokta Sangh of Gaya as well as State Government during the last two years in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Govenment in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item appeared in Hindi *'Hindustan'* from Patna dated 8.1.97 contains demands for additional trains from Gaya, completion of Line to Bodh Gaya and a Railway Division at Gaya communicated in a petition by Bhartiya Railway Upbhokta Sangh to the Hon'ble Minister for Railways.

The news item in *'Aaj'* from Patna dated 16.1.97 reports the same news with reported agreement of Hon'ble Minister of Veterinary and Dairy Development, Shri Raghubans Prasad Singh with the demands.

(c) The Government has recently received representation regarding, amongst others, setting up of a Divisional Office at Gaya.

(d) New Divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic patterns and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. Taking the various factors into account, the Government has decided to set up eight new divisions at Agra, Pune, Singrauli, Rangiya, Ranchi, Raipur, Guntur and Ahmedabad.

**TV Tower, Hargaon, Uttar Pradesh**

3002. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on High Power TV transmitter, Hargaon, District Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh has since been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction work for setting up TV tower at many other places in the country where foundation stones were laid is in progress;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(e) the time by which the construction work at Hargaon TV tower is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) implementation of some of the TV transmitter projects for which foundation stones have been laid could not be taken up due to resource constraints.

(e) Since a High Power TV transmitter (HPT) is envisaged to be set up at Lakhimpur, located at an aerial distance of about 25 kms. from Hargaon, setting up of a separate HPT